

LOCAL FARM LOANS DRAGGING

Arkansas Meets Turn of Tide on First of March

Survey of State By United Press Shows New Gains

Gasoline Sales Increase—Department Stores Coming Back

FEBRUARY IS GOOD

First Two Months of 1931 Open Encouragingly For Arkansas

Editor's Note: The deluge of unfavorable publicity Arkansas has received since thousands of her citizens have been placed upon charity by the drought, prompted the United Press to conduct a careful survey of the state's financial and business structure. The results of this analysis are embodied in the following article.

The story is being carried over thousands of miles of the United Press leased wires, serving over 1,300 newspapers the world over, and it is hoped it will serve to counteract some of the exaggerated reports and rumors that have been circulated abroad since Arkansas became "front page" news.

By SAM S. FARRINGTON
United Press Staff Correspondent
LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Arkansas is economically sound despite a combination of calamitous disasters which have visited the state in the past three years.

That its business structure is intact is disclosed in a statewide survey of the commonwealth's industrial and commercial institutions conducted by the United Press.

Leaders in almost every line of enterprise manifest optimism regarding the future prosperity of the state and supported it with facts and figures revealing extensive increases in the volume of business for January and the first half of February, as compared with the corresponding period in 1930.

Industrial experts generally agree that March will bring even greater gains, as it will inaugurate the opening of the planting season, materially lessening the number of unemployed as well as those dependent on relief agencies.

It was pointed out that the number of persons in Arkansas looking to the Red Cross or other organizations for assistance does not serve to impede business to the extent one might believe upon a surface analysis.

The relief program has reached the bottom strata, including the tenant farmer, sharecropper and negro, who for the most part, exist on the bare necessities of life and even in times of prosperity receive but slight consideration as potential payers.

Facts of Survey
The survey developed the following facts:

Fifteen millions will be expended by the State Highway department during 1931, pushing toward completion one of the most extensive road building programs ever undertaken by a southern state. An additional three millions will be spent for maintenance.

Highway officials estimate that 55 per cent of the entire highway appropriation will go as wages for Arkansas labor and the balance will be spent in the state for raw materials.

Building and alteration permits issued in Arkansas during December showed an increase of 40 per cent over the preceding month. The key cities of the state report many construction projects are planned for the first six months of this year, involving the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Gas Sales Increase
Gasoline sales increased 2,891,717 gallons during the year just ended, as compared with the preceding one, disclosed by gasoline tax receipts.

A fund of \$1,000,000 has been made available for feed and seed loans to Arkansas farmers by the federal government. Of the total fund, approximately \$100,000 is being released daily. Additional federal funds amounting to \$10,000,000 are to be released in the near future through intermediate Credit Banks, made available through formation of state agricultural credit corporations.

Chain store sales for the first two months of 1931 show an increase up to 17 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Retail grocer stores are carrying more merchandise in stock than a year ago.

Department store sales for January and February have equaled sales during the first two months of 1930 and

County Tourney in Hope Is Attended By Large Crowds

Hempstead Teams Battle to Finals Here Saturday Night

TWO-DAY MEETING

All "B" Class Games and "A" Class Preliminaries Are Played

The annual Hempstead county basketball tournament, which opened here Friday morning and continues until Saturday night, drew large crowds throughout the day Friday and Friday night.

All B class games were played as follows: In the preliminaries, Guernsey 23, Belton 19; Piney Grove 25, Centerville 15; McCaskill 16, Hope 6; Spring Hill 15, Columbus 11. In the semi-finals in B class games Guernsey defeated Piney Grove 19 to 3 and McCaskill marked up a 29 to 16 score against Spring Hill.

In the A class preliminaries four games were played Friday night with the following results:

Columbus 37, Guernsey 5; Blevins 38, Saratoga 9; Patmos 20, DeAnn 18; Spring Hill 23, Washington 13. Blevins, Spring Hill and Columbus have led the field in places for the finals to be played Saturday night.

Local Kiwanians Greet Nebraskan

Six Drive to Hot Springs Friday to Honor President R. M. Crossman

Six Hope Kiwanians drove to Hot Springs Friday afternoon to attend a joint meeting of the representatives of the Arkansas clubs, honoring Raymond M. Crossman, of Omaha, Neb., International president of Kiwanis clubs. The meeting was held at the Arlington Hotel ballroom.

President Crossman brought a stirring message of opportunities for Kiwanis activities and development; and the pleasure to be derived from Kiwanis service. Members from nearly every club in Arkansas greeted him.

District Governor John P. Davidson, of Wichita, Kansas, head of the Mo.-Kan.-Ark. district, also attended. He promised to pay a visit to the Hope club this year.

Those from Hope who attended were: Jess Harbin, Smiles Strassner, Parks Fleisher, Thurman Rhodes, John Swader and Lyle Webb. Frank May, formerly a member of the Hope club, but now identified with the Little Rock club, also attended, with a large delegation from that city.

Miss Ruby M. Wise and J. B. Beckworth, both of this city, were married Thursday night in the county clerk's office at Washington. Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckworth will make their home in Hope. Mr. Beckworth being connected with the 556 Service Station here.

City Bakery Wins Over Ritchie Team

Second Week of Bowling Tournament Ended Thursday Night

The City Bakery team outclassed the team of Ritchie Grocer Company by 57 pins in the second week of the ten week tournament at the bowling alley on South Elm Street, Thursday afternoon.

Charles Rowland, captain of the Ritchie team rolled the high games of 11 and 108 with V. E. Smith, captain of his team, starting for his team, with scores of 144 and 158.

The City Bakery team are to meet the Hawthorne team Monday night at 7:45. Following is the result of the games Thursday night:

Rowland	337	161-3
Stevens	266	123
Hanegan	225	112-1
Walker	262	131
Robbins	227	113-1
Total	1317	
Smith	302	151
William	254	127
Conley	271	135-1
O'Neill	233	116-1
Dunkum	214	157
Total	1374	

Bulletins

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Five handbills with sawed-off shotguns herded a dozen patrons and employees of a West Side restaurant into the kitchen Saturday and robbed the place of \$5,000. The money was for having been used to cash checks for nurses employed at the nearby Cook County Hospital.

LONDON, England.—(AP)—Capt. Malcolm Campbell walked into Buckingham Palace Saturday morning, spent 40 minutes with King George, and came out Sir Malcolm Campbell, his majesty having bestowed the accolade of knighthood. The honor was bestowed in recognition of the captain's feat of driving an automobile 245 miles an hour on the sands of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Postoffice Takes Holiday on Monday

No Rural Deliveries—Today's Star to Reach Rural Boxes Tuesday

Hope postoffice will observe Washington's birthday Monday by cutting city mail service down to one delivery during the day and by eliminating rural deliveries until Tuesday. Postmaster J. A. Davis announced Saturday.

No holiday will be observed by the banks and other local business houses, though the day is being celebrated in Little Rock and Texarkana, and by the postoffice department all over the nation.

City carriers will make one delivery, Monday morning only; but rural mail will not be cleared until Tuesday. The stamp and general delivery windows of the local office will be open from 1 to 3 p. m. Monday. All mail will be distributed and dispatched as usual, however, and lockboxes will be available throughout the day.

Today's final edition of The Star, which ordinarily reaches 1,500 rural readers Monday, will arrive Tuesday instead, owing to the postoffice holiday.

Red Cross to Pay For Hauling Food

Harvey Couch Advises Senator Caraway Dispute Is Ended

away was advised Saturday by Harvey C. Couch, director of Red Cross relief in Arkansas that the Red Cross would pay for transporting several carloads of foodstuffs to that state donated by the State of Washington.

Senator Bill of Washington, explained in the senate recently that the railroads had declined to deadhead further shipments of foodstuffs and the Red Cross would not pay for transportation.

Senator Caraway asked details from Seattle, Wash., regarding the proposed shipments.

Absentee Ballots Sent to Co. Clerk

Must Apply to Washington For Absentee Votes in City Run-Off

Absentee votes for the city run-off primary election Tuesday, March 3, must be obtained from the county clerk at Washington, and filed with him—instead of with the city recorder in Hope, it was announced Saturday by W. S. Atkins, chairman of the City Democratic Central Committee.

Since the county seat is 10 miles away, it was thought in past elections that the practice of permitting absentee votes to be handled by the city recorder would be satisfactory, but the issue has been raised that constitutional law declares the county clerk to be legal custodian of absentee ballots in all elections—and therefore the law will be strictly enforced in next month's contest, Mr. Atkins said.

Applicants for absentee ballots should apply to County Clerk Arthur Anderson, at Washington.

Bill Collection Cars Ruled Off Streets

HARTFORD, Conn.—(AP)—The "bad bill car"—a brilliant yellow automobile so inscribed—has been ruled off this city's streets.

The collection agency operating the machines and then, if the payment were not forthcoming, call at the house in the "bad bill car."

Samuel Mallish of Philadelphia, representative of the company, was arrested on a charge of breach of the peace and fined.

\$10,000 Per Year Enough For Farm Cannon Declares

Hempstead Representative Defines Position on 1931-32 Appropriation

TO FIGHT \$25,000

Local Law-Maker Holds Reduction Necessary For Public Economy

Curtis Cannon, Hempstead county representative in the legislature, is opposed to the annual appropriation of \$25,000 for the Fruit and Truck Experiment Farm, and believes it should be reduced to \$10,000.

He made this plain in a statement to The Star Saturday morning. His statement was mailed from Little Rock, where he had been addressing by telegraph by The Star and other local business houses with an appeal to support the appropriation.

Cannon's Statement
Rumors had been current here all week that Mr. Cannon intended to oppose the usual appropriation bill. The Star therefore suggested in its telegram that Mr. Cannon make his position clear in a detailed statement. The statement is as follows:

"Dear Alex: You tell me that the county is agitated over the report that I plan to cut the appropriation for the Experiment Station at Hope. I think that most of that agitation is from those financially interested in the station and friends of theirs, who have been agitated by their side of the story.

"I have received fifty letters and telegrams asking unlimited support for this experiment farm.

"I am sorry that I cannot accede to these requests, because some of them come from my best friends, among them are some of the leading business and professional men of the county.

"The farm at Hope, the one at Marianna and the one at Stuttgart probably are doing some good, but their cost, which has been \$25,000 per year for each of them, is excessive. Preaching economy in the legislature, as I always have done, forces me to practice it, even at home.

Thinks \$10,000 Enough
"These farms can do everything they are doing now on an appropriation of \$10,000 a year each, if they will try. If the average Hempstead county farmer had \$10,000 a year to operate a farm the size of the Hope Experiment Farm, he naturally would think he was a rich man and he would be comfortably fixed, even though he gave away everything he raised on the farm he still would make a profit out of his farm operations.

"I do not want to be arbitrary in this matter, but I am not going to allow a \$25,000 a year appropriation to go through the House of Representatives, if there is any way to stop it.

"If this farm and the other two farms can not operate on \$10,000 each the state would be better off to abolish this 'noble experiment' and sell the farms at auction and return to the people, who subscribed to the funds for the sites, the money they paid in.

"Thanking you for your inquiry and with the kindest personal regards to you and your newspaper, I am, Yours very truly

"CURTIS CANNON,
Representative of Hempstead County."
February 20, 1931
Little Rock, Ark.

J. W. Mariner Dies Near Centerville

Had Been Resident of the Centerville Community More Than 40 Years

J. W. Mariner, aged 75, for 46 years a resident of the Centerville community, died at his home early Thursday morning, following an extended illness.

He is survived by one son, Gordon Mariner, with whom he made his home, and one brother who lives in Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services and burial were conducted Thursday afternoon at Forest Hill cemetery, conducted by the Rev. Wesley Thomason of Emmet.

Revival Meeting

The revival meeting being conducted at the Garrett Memorial Baptist church by Elder W. S. Miller of Anadarko, Oklahoma, is growing in power; the crowds are large, the interest is growing intense. Souls are now being saved at almost every service.

Elder T. L. Epton, the pastor, is leading his forces, and storming the very forts of all wickedness. Hope's opportunity is here and all should attend these meetings.

Legislative Sidelights

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—The threat of a special or extended session hung over the state legislature at the end of the sixth week of its sixty-day session.

It had before it a virtual ultimatum from Governor Parnell to enact measures to relieve the debt-burdened public schools or he would call it back for this purpose.

This development was followed closely by the introduction of a resolution in the senate by Senator Purkins asking the governor to address another point session next week and be specific as to the revenue measures he wants approved for the benefit of schools.

The senate postponed consideration of the resolution until Monday.

Must Aid Schools
Governor Parnell threatened an extended or special session in delivering a message to a joint session on Thursday. He declared legislation should be enacted to relieve school districts of existing bonded indebtedness and at the same time set up restrictions on future bonding.

Thousands of school teachers in the state, he said, have gone without pay for several months and he added that unless relief was provided, many schools would not be able to reopen next September.

He advocated no specific measure, however, advising the legislature to find an acceptable one among those pending or get another one.

Among those now pending is the Thorne bill in the house, which would tax electric current for relief of school bonded indebtedness. Another would tax soft drinks and cosmetics.

The education reorganization measure, which the senate passed during the week and sent to the house, would remedy some school matters pointed out by the governor. It would place restrictions on future bonding. It also would abolish the elective office of state superintendent of education, substituting a commissioner of education appointed by the state board of education.

Senate Cautious
The senate during the week voted to make it easier to get a divorce but refused to make it more difficult to get married.

The house bill by Campbell of Se-

vier, to permit granting of divorce decrees after ninety days' residence in the state, was passed by the senate and goes to Governor Parnell. Earlier the senate defeated a bill by Senator Hendricks to require five days' notice before issuance of marriage licenses.

The compulsory county audit bill, over which this and previous legislatures have fought for several years, became a law with the signing of it by Governor Parnell. It makes it mandatory for all counties to have an audit of their affairs every year by the state comptroller. The 1929 session passed a bill for an audit of some of the 75 counties and this year's act includes all counties.

Early in the week, the house sounded the death knell for government reorganization at this session. It postponed indefinitely consideration of a concurrent resolution for submission of a constitutional amendment embodying the governmental changes recommended by Governor Parnell. The senate previously had turned down a rival house bill by Clark of Grant, which the house passed.

Out of the deadlock sprang a possibility that a bill by Representative McCabe of Baxter, which would call a constitutional convention next October, might be accepted as a compromise, thus leaving the matter of governmental reorganization to the constitutional convention.

Investigate Gas
The senate started two more investigations, one to determine whether gas company rates in the state were excessive and the quality of the gas was satisfactory, and the other to inquire into the academic standing and gather other information on the staff of the University of Arkansas Medical School. The latter inquiry was inspired by Senator Abington in an effort to show the standards of the medical school would not be lowered by his bill, which the senate passed, permitting high school graduates to enter medical school immediately without taking two years of general college work as is now required.

Meanwhile, the joint legislative banking investigating committee continued to pry into the banking situation seeking information to use as a guide for proposed remedial legislation.

While the senate was in adjournment over the week-end, the back met Saturday morning and busied itself mostly with consideration of appropriation measures and the introduction of new bills.

City Threatened By Mexican Mob

3,000 Peasants to March on Lower California Town Sunday

MEXICO CITY, Mexico.—(AP)—A dispatch to the newspaper Excelsior Saturday from Mexicali, Lower California, said that 3,000 peasants threatened to sack the city Sunday unless work or food is provided for them immediately.

The peasants sent an ultimatum bearing 3,000 signatures to the authorities, making demands which must be met Saturday to avert looting of the city. Police and military officials are taking precautions against an outbreak.

Community Sing at Local Church

Many Singers Expected Here Sunday in the Afternoon

There will be community singing at the Garrett Memorial Baptist church on North Ferguson street, Sunday afternoon, according to an announcement received by The Star.

The expectation is that the Hope quartet and other singers and directors of the choir at the church and is anxious that a large crowd attend.

Duck Lays Black Eggs
EARLYSVILLE, Va.—(AP)—E. S. Howell owns an Indian runner duck that lays coal black eggs. All other ducks of the same family lay white eggs. Howell is unable to account for the difference.

Nevada and Sevier Moving Twice as Fast, With Agents

Hempstead Has 500 Applications in—Only 10 Pct. Approved

OTHERS DOUBLE US

Sevier Gets 21 Pct. Approved—Nevada Has 30 Pct. Issued

Federal drought loans are being approved for Hempstead county only half to one-third as fast as in other representative counties of this section. The Star learned Saturday.

Hempstead has submitted 500 applications through the County Loan Board. The Memphis federal district office has issued checks on but 40 applications, approximately 10 per cent.

Other Counties
Nevada county has submitted 250 applications, and has received back 30 checks, or 30 per cent.

Sevier county has submitted 415 of which 88 have been approved, or 21 per cent.

Hempstead has no county agents. Both of the other counties have. Despite the failure of most of the banks in the county, Sevier appropriated its usual funds for support of the field agents in 1931, and is now using them in the federal drought loan program.

The Nevada County Quorum Court, after first refusing to vote the appropriation, reversed itself in December and restored the agents in time to use them on the loan work.

Sevier is getting action twice as fast as Hempstead, and Nevada three times as fast.

Applications Faulty
In a statement early this week, the Hempstead Loan Board said that 75 per cent of the local applications were "kicking back" from Memphis because of incomplete information, due presumably to the board's handicap of saving to operate without paid field workers.

But the DeQueen Bee said Friday that in Sevier county only 40 per cent of the applications were being returned for correction.

In the opinion of the Hempstead Loan Board it is still possible for Hempstead to get its share of federal crop loans, but the board is doubtful whether the money will come through in time for the planting season. It should be on hand now, and published statements from the counties above mentioned show that from two to three times as much is on hand in those counties now as in Hempstead county.

W. Y. Foster Resigns
The Hempstead Loan Board this week underwent its second change in personnel since the launching of the loan program last month. Chairman W. Y. Foster resigned, and the Memphis office extended his credentials to W. Homer Pigg. Another of the original appointees, Ralph Routon, resigned before the program began, being replaced by J. Ford Johnson, of Columbus. This leaves H. M. Stephens, of Blevins, as the only original member remaining on the board. The board now consists of Mr. Stephens, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Pigg.

The last tabulation by the board, this week, showed that Hempstead, originally estimated to be due \$100,000 in federal crop loans, had actually applied for \$60,000, and received total allotments to date of only \$7,440, of which 40 per cent is in first-installment checks.

Fair Stores Chain Is Sold By Receiver
The Fair Stores company, general mercantile chain with 87 units in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Missouri, was sold this week in receivership to Grover T. Owens, trustee for the Grand National Bank of St. Louis, on a bid of \$185,000.

The sale approved by Judge Martineau in United States district court at Little Rock, was closed by the receivers, of which one unit is located in Hope, were thrown into receivership in December through lack of operating capital. The group had been financed by Caldwell & Co., bankrupt investment house of Nashville, Tenn. Receivership did not effect continuous operation of the chain.

Unemployment Unknown in Missionary Work

BOSTON.—(AP)—The only "employment problem" in the foreign missionary field seems to involve a shortage of help.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has announced 30 openings in the overseas service. Help wanted includes teachers, religious educationalists, social service workers, doctors, nurses, a dentist and a woman journalist.

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The Star's Platform

CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the industrial and social resources of Hope.

Move city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in the alleys and business back-yards.

Support the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a certain amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the dirt-road mileage.

Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's great industry.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is as practical in the country as it is in town.

STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.

Feasible tax reform, and a more efficient government through the budget system of expenditures.

Free Arkansas from the cattle tick.

Unfair to Wilson

IN AN address before the Council on Foreign Relations at New York City February 6, Secretary of State Stimson made a pointed distinction between the Pan-American policies of the present administration and the late Woodrow Wilson.

The issue outlined by Secretary Stimson is whether Wilson's doctrines or the policies of succeeding Republican presidents have contributed most to peace in the revolutionary zone of Central America.

Mr. Stimson calls attention to a treaty promulgated in 1923 between five Central American republics and the United States which bound them to refuse recognition to any military head who put himself in control of civil government, and declares:

"I think that no impartial student can avoid the conclusion that the treaty and the policy which it has established in that locality has been productive of very great good."

The Republican Secretary is on safe ground until he attempts to make comparisons. Against Republican success since 1923, he balances a picture of Democratic failure—President Wilson's persistent refusal to recognize the bloody administration of Victoriano Huerta in Mexico in 1913.

Mr. Stimson declares, in effect, that President Wilson's Pan-American policy failed in the case of Mexico. The Secretary says that the reason it failed was because Wilson departed from American tradition in the recognition of revolutionary governments. It has always been customary to recognize a new government when it obviously had control of the nation, whether the change occurred at the polling places or on the battle-field. But President Wilson, so Secretary Stimson says, was more interested in the orderly processes of government, than he was in the actual facts as to who that government happened to be at the moment. Because Huerta was generally believed instrumental in the murder of President Madero, his predecessor in Mexico, Mr. Wilson turned against him.

"Mr. Wilson's government," continues Secretary Stimson, "sought to put this new policy into effect in respect to the recognition of the then Government of Mexico held by Huerta. Although Huerta's government was in de facto possession, Mr. Wilson refused to recognize it, and he sought through the influence and pressure of his great office to force it from power. Armed conflict with the forces of Mexico, and disturbed relations between us and that republic followed until a comparatively few years ago."

Here we have an interesting study in Republican morality, and the well known Republican tendency to argue the case as expediency dictates.

Woodrow Wilson had a mighty heart and a clear mind. To him, the most necessary thing in Mexico seemed to be a government in which the executives at least were not common murderers.

This Republican administration, like others in the past, is apparently interested in neighboring republics only for the commerce which they afford American business. Secretary Stimson would have us believe that instead of praising Woodrow Wilson for his attempt to elevate the deplorable plane of Mexican existence, we should condemn him because the experiment cost our American business houses a few years' trade.

Furthermore, Secretary Stimson's argument as to Republican success in the Revolution Zone is stupid and unfair. There is no telling what would happen to the Secretary's cherished treaty if he had to contend today with a Victoriano Huerta. But Huerta is dead. And long before he died he was forced to flee from Mexico under the lash of Woodrow Wilson's whip.

To say that this struggle went on unobserved by the eye of Pan-American nations, or that they forgot the outcome, is to be either stupid or deliberately unfair.

And to say that the flowery diplomatic promises exchanged around the treaty-table of 1923 were of more effect in preserving peace in Central America the last seven years, than the blunt policies of a Woodrow Wilson ten years earlier, is to give one's self up to the rankest sort of partisan politics. And of that, Secretary Stimson has just proved himself extremely capable.—W.

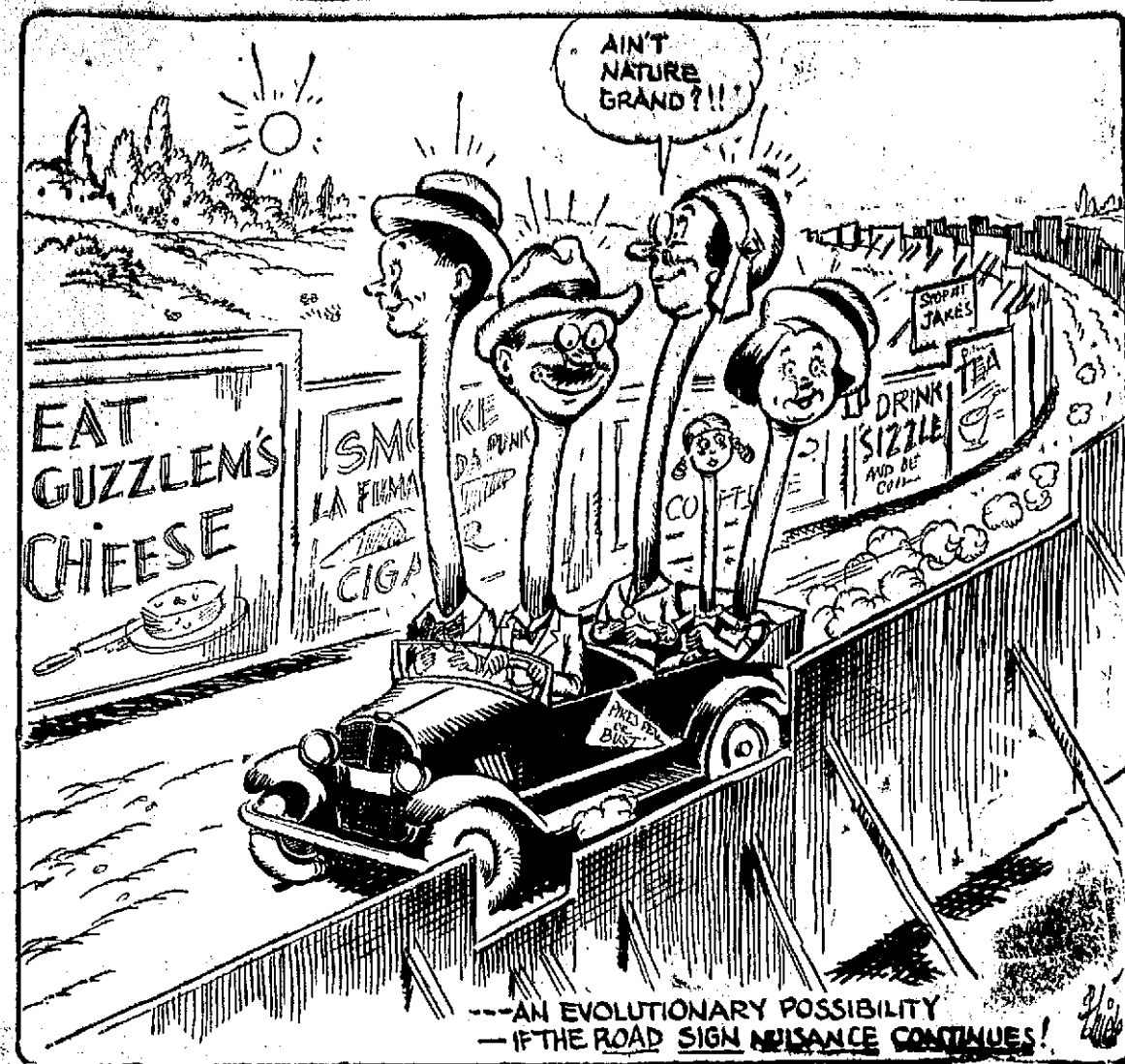
"Keep your mouth shut if you want to maintain good health," says an eminent doctor. This seems especially worth remembering when you wake up and find yourself covered by an armed burglar.

Many a man can attribute his start in life to the alarm clock.

President Hoover has posed for a portrait recently, but no one has yet ventured forth with gossip of an "oil" scandal.

Stocks: Invested, Trusted, Busted, Regusted.

Seeing America—(Not Yet, But Soon)!



Daily WASHINGTON LETTER



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WASHINGTON.—The outcome of the campaign for cashing soldier bonus certificates is likely to be an arrangement under which the government will lend up to half a billion dollars more to World War veterans on their adjusted compensation certificates.

Instead of paying about seven times as much with the proceeds of a huge bond issue for redemption of certificates at their face value, the treasury will, it is believed, be called on only to lend on the certificates to the extent of 50 per cent of face value which would give the average certificate a loan value of about \$500 instead of less than \$220 as at present.

If this course is adopted loans under the new system will be made available almost immediately after the passage of the act.

Face value of the certificates is about \$3,400,000,000 and 50 per cent of that is \$1,700,000,000. But somewhat less than half of the veterans have borrowed and, assuming that few new certificates would be pledged for loans, the future loan value represented by certificates so pledged—about \$850,000,000—may be taken as a rough estimate of the maximum likely to be lent to veterans. Nearly \$300,000,000 of that, however, has already been borrowed under the old loan values, which would leave \$550,000,000 available to borrowers.

Because no one can foretell how extensively veterans would take advantage of extension of loan privileges it is perhaps safest to guess that the amount of cash paid out would run somewhere between \$400,000,000 and \$600,000,000. Limitation of loans to cases of proven need, or an arbitrary gross limit on

the total loaned on any certificate, would keep the total down, while low interest rates, presumably, would tend to enlarge it.

Congress seems likely to adopt the figure of 3 1/2 per cent suggested by Owen D. Young as the future rate of interest on veterans' loans. Rates on the loans have varied because they are required to be 2 per cent above the rediscount rate charged on 90-day paper by the Federal Reserve bank of the Reserve bank district where the Veterans' Bureau office making the loan is located. In most instances, the rate on veteran loans is now 5 1/2 per cent, but it has been running as low as 4 per cent in the New York district.

The Veterans' Bureau has been making loans from the U. S. government insurance fund. If loan values were raised by law, another hundred million or more might be raised from that source and the bureau could begin lending from it on the new basis at once.

The sinking fund for the compensation certificates will amount to nearly \$900,000,000 after this Congress has made the annual appropriation for it and if 50 per cent of that were made available for loans the amount would cover the probable requirements of the proposed loan value extension. The sinking fund is not in cash, however, and its use would involve the sale of government securities by the treasury.

General Frank T. Hines, director of veterans' affairs, has estimated that only between 200,000 and 300,000 veterans are in distress or need. How many veterans would ever pay back the enlarged loans and realize eventually the full face value on their bonus certificates is problematical, but to date less than 5 per cent of borrowers have done so.

Niagara Falls Rock Avalanche Explained

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—(U.P.)—An explanation for the recent change in Niagara Falls, when great masses of rock precipitated into the pools below the falls, is offered by Dr. W. F. Prouty, of the University of North Carolina Geology Department.

Erosion of the falls has been going on since melting of the continental ice sheet from the northern United States, Dr. Prouty said, and has served as a geological timepiece. The wearing away has been regular, averaging one foot on the American Falls and about five feet a year on the Horseshoe Falls.

Gradual erosion of the softer shale under the more massive ledge of the crest caused an unstable condition of the rock which, upon being subjected

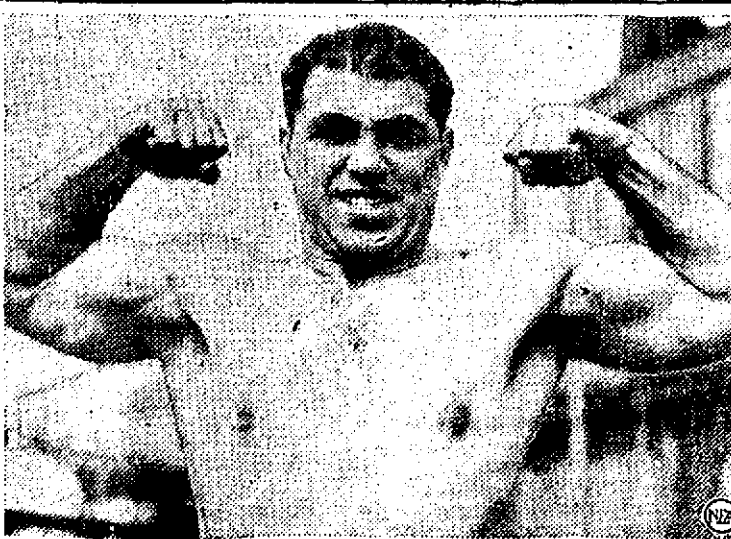
to occasional earth tremors, caused the recent collapse, according to Dr. Prouty.

17th Century Legal Papers Given Law School

DURHAM, N. C.—(U.P.)—Professor Malcolm McDermott has donated to the Duke University law school 11 dating from the 17th Century and very difficult to obtain. The documents are written on parchment and are in an unusually good state of preservation, despite their age.

Royal seals of Charles II and George II appear on two of the indentures. There are very few papers of this age and type extant in the United States. Professor McDermott secured the Duke collection through friends in England.

Joe's Gonna Be Rattle Man



A newcomer preparing to "muscle" his way into the grunt-and-growl pastime is Jumpin' Joe Savoldi, above, ex-Notre Dame football star. Savoldi weighs 206 pounds and, although he probably will make frequent use of the flying tackle, his best bet ought to be the stiff arm that best off would-be tacklers in his sensational touch-down, ruse for Notre Dame.

News Of Other Days

From the Columns of The Star of Hope

25 YEARS AGO

F. P. Holt, candidate for assessor, spent Monday in this city.

B. Johnson, of Nashville, went to St. Louis on the Cannon Ball yesterday, to accept a position as mail clerk on the East Mail train from that point to Texas.

Robert Penny, who formerly lived here, but has resided for some years at Foreman, was meeting old friends on the streets of Hope Monday.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Darnall, of Columbus, was in Hope yesterday.

J. M. Loe, principal of the Ozan school, was in the city this morning, to accept a position as mail clerk on the East Mail train from that point to Texas.

J. S. Conway, Sr., left this morning for a business trip to Sulphur, Oklahoma.

C. W. Baughman, former cashier of the Hope Savings Bank & Trust Co., and now one of the examiners of state banks, under the State Banking Department, is at home from a trip to various points in the state in connection with his duties.

Miss Dell McRae will be hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club this week.

The "Wishing Ring," which is to be presented at the New Grand Theatre on February 24th and 25th, as a benefit for the Senior high school, under the auspices of the Junior and Senior classes, promises to be one of the most brilliant musical extravaganzas ever given by amateurs in this city.

C. E. Bell yesterday purchased the farm known as the Hale place, located four miles east of Hope on the Bankhead highway.

Roy Anderson, Frank White and Roy Stephenson, of the Hope National Bank, are spending the holiday fishing on Red Lake.

Doctors Unable to Eat Dinner Prepared Them

WASHINGTON, N. C.—(U.P.)—Enterprising doctors for dinner is a lot of hard work for nothing, if the experience of Mrs. H. W. Carter, wife of a physician, can be taken as an example.

While the guests were waiting for dinner, the telephone rang. Dr. DeWitt Klutz left on an emergency call. Two minutes later Dr. P. A. Nicholson was summoned to a patient's side. As dinner was being served, Dr. D. T. Taylor was called away. Before the oyster cocktails were finished, Dr. E. W. Larkin had to leave. Then Dr. and Mrs. Carter were alone.

"Well," said Mrs. Carter, "all I have to say is—"

The telephone rang again. Dr. Carter answered it, then took his coat and hat and rushed out of the door. Mrs. Carter was left alone to meditate about doctors.

Spinning Wheels Used to Aid Chicago Cripples

CHICAGO.—(U.P.)—Colonial spinning wheels have been taken from dusty attic corners for use in a new method of rehabilitating crippled persons developed here.

The spinning wheels are part of the occupational therapy program instituted by the Northwestern university medical school for treatment of adults and children to young to go to school. Scientists said they had found the spinning wheels, as well as various appliances run by pedals, effective in exercising muscles damaged by infantile paralysis, injuries or other diseases.

The workshop method is used in connection with various amusements giving the patient's muscles the desired amount of exercise.

All Steel House Factory Begins Production Soon

ST. LOUIS.—(U.P.)—All-steel houses, without a rivet or a bolt in them, will be manufactured here by the Scullin Steel Company.

In announcing the innovation, Harry Scullin, president, said long research

had proven the feasibility of constructing houses in such a manner.

The metal sheets, girders and joists will be made at the plant here, and shipped in pieces. In erecting the houses, a special portable type of welding machine will be used.

Scullin estimated that the costs of such construction would vary "from two per cent less to ten per cent more" than in structures of other materials, but said an appreciable saving would result due to slow depreciation and low fire insurance costs.

British 1930 Death Rate Lowest Ever Recorded

LONDON.—(U.P.)—Britain's death rate for 1930 was the lowest ever recorded, but the birth rate is giving cause for considerable anxiety, according to provisional figures issued by Somerset House, the office of the General Register.

The statistics reveal that the death rate was 11.5 per thousand of the population, or 1.9 below that for 1929 and 0.1 below the rate for 1923 and 1928, the previous lowest.

Infant mortality also established a new low record, deaths among children below one year old numbering 60 per thousand live births. This figure was five per cent below the previous low mark of 1928 and 14 per thousand below the 1929 rate.

The birth rate, however, was only 16.3 per thousand of the population, equalling the low record set up in 1929.

Day Laborer Claims Huge French Fortune

NANCY, France.—(U.P.)—Adolphe Bujardin, a day laborer, of Roubaix, has made claim to a fortune, which he charges was wrongfully appropriated by Napoleon Bonaparte to supply his troops.

The heritage, in 1676, was estimated at 50,000,000 francs about \$2,000,000, which would be doubled many times now.

According to the history of the fortune, a poor cobbler of Chateau Thierry, named Jean Thierry, moved to Vienna where he made a tremendous fortune. It was deposited in the bank of Venice, following his death, as no descendants were known. Late in the 18th Century Napoleon seized the funds for his troops.

Bujardin now advances his claim that he is descended from the cobbler. It is stated that 200,000 francs has been offered for his claim.

Famous Painter Praises Beauty of Chilean Women

NEW YORK.—(U.P.)—Dario Rappaport, Austrian portrait painter, is back in the United States with the declaration that the most beautiful women

in the world are to be found in Chile.

Rappaport has just spent a year in Chile where he did portraits of President Carlos Ibanez and his family. He also made portraits of 48 other Chileans.

Chile has a marvelous climate and magnificent scenery, but to me they were dimmed by the beauty of the women in the republic. I think that there are more beautiful women there in proportion to the population, than any other country in the world," Rappaport said.

Kansas Awards Title of State Wheat King

MANHATTAN, Kan.—(U.P.)—Kansas, champion wheat state of the nation, has conferred the title of "Wheat King" on Arthur J. White, Coldwater, Kansas. White received \$300 in cash and a silver trophy.

Guy D. Josseland, Copeland, Kansas, was awarded second place and third prize was given to E. H. Hodg-

She'll Join Polar Undersea Trip

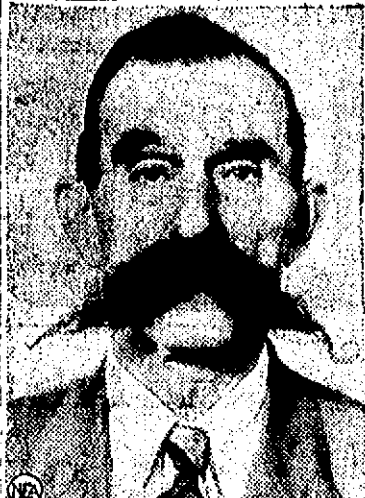


Willing to risk the perils of a submarine ship to the North Pole to be at her husband's side, Lady Wilkins, above, has announced she will join Sir Hubert Wilkins' undersea expedition into Arctic waters next spring. She will be the only woman aboard the reconnoitered submarine Nautilus when it makes the first exploring voyage of this kind in history.

son, Little River, Kan.

White won over champions from 42 state counties. Although his average wheat yield, 1933 bushels per acre, was not the highest, it was extraordinary considering the type of land.

Mustache King



NEA Knoxville Bureau
If he were to take them off, people in Knoxville, Tenn., would not know W. J. Clark, above, who challenges anybody to a mustache-measuring contest. Clark has worn 'em since he was a lad—and from wing tip to wing tip they now measure exactly 18 inches. Who can beat this record?

Political Announcements

The Star is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates subject to the action of the Democratic run-off:

CITY ELECTION
(March 3, 1931)
For Mayor
R. A. (RUFF) BOYETT
For Alderman
E. G. COOP (Ward 1)
R. L. (BOB) GOSNELL (Ward 1)
LUTHER GARNER (Ward 2)
FRANK WARD (Ward 2)
ROY JOHNSON (Ward 3)
W. A. LEWIS (Ward 4)
IRA HALLIBURTON (Ward 4)

Rent!! Find!!
Buy!! Sell!!
with

HOPE STAR WANT ADS

The more you tell, the quicker you sell,
1 insertion, 10c per line,
minimum 30c
3 insertions, 7c per line,
minimum 50c
6 insertions, 6c per line,
minimum \$1.00
26 insertions, 5c per line,
minimum \$4.00
(Average 5 1/2 words to the line)

NOTE—Want advertisements accepted over the telephone may be charged with the understanding that the bill is payable on presentation of statement, the day of first publication.
PHONE 768

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Practical nursing or housekeeping. 719 West Division St. Phone 13. 21-61p

Admit to see Winnie Lightner's newest movie-talkie, at the Saenger Monday, Mrs. Gus Haynes.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Room with private bath, and garage. Inquire at this office. 23-tfc.

FOR RENT—Good house and 5 1-2 acres land adjoining city limits. Mrs. Caille M. Keen. Phone 638. 29-tfc.

Admit to see Winnie Lightner's newest movie-talkie, at the Saenger Monday, Mrs. Lloyd Spencer.

FOR RENT—Five room house. Modern, convenient, \$15.00 per month in advance. Call Coca Cola Bottling Company. Phone 392. 11

FOR SALE

FOR SALE, Office equipment, chairs and desk. Good condition. Reasonable. Apply Mrs. Greene, Phone 413. 20-3t

Admit to see Winnie Lightner's newest movie-talkie, at the Saenger Monday, Mrs. V. E. Smith.

BABY CHICKS—Our Quality Single Comb White Leghorn Baby Chicks are hatched from selected eggs produced on our own farm, and from stock of known record for high egg production. BRAMER QUALITY CHICKS are the best that money can buy, and at prices that are fair. Illustrated circular on request. Bramer Poultry Farm, Box 772, Texarkana, Ark. 22-30tc

SERVICES OFFERED—Electrical work of any kind. Repairing a specialty. Phone 623. E. R. Shanks. 715 W. Ave. B. 22-27t

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NOTICE

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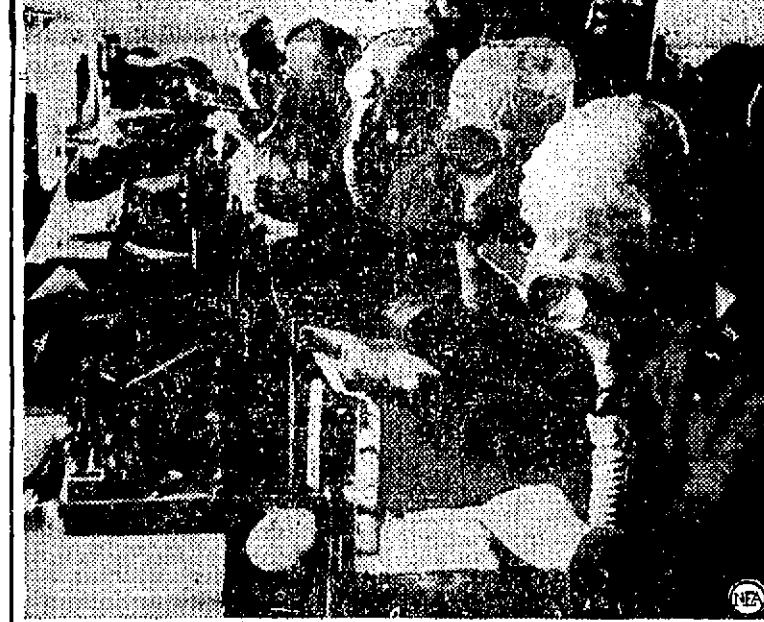
SERVICES OFFERED

Experienced painter and paper-hanger. C. W. Harrington. Phone 35. 3p.

LOST

LOST—Black handbag containing clothing, between Hope and Emmet Saturday. Reward for return to Mr. Wyatt at Gas office. 21-3tc

Reds Prepare for "Next War"



The next war, if there is one, will not find Soviet Russia unprepared. Here you see a group of telegraphers, members of the Soviet army, being trained to go about their duties wearing gas masks. All branches of the army receive similar instruction.

Mother Faces Electric Chair



With a final appeal to Governor Pinchot and the state pardon board as their only hope, Mrs. Irene Schroeder and her sweetheart, Glen Dague, face death in Pennsylvania's electric chair on Feb. 23 for the murder of a state highway policeman 14 months ago while fleeing from a holdup near Newcastle, Pa. Shown above are Mrs. Schroeder and her small son, Donnie Schroeder, and Dague. Mrs. Schroeder is the first woman ever sentenced to the electric chair in Pennsylvania.

NEA Pittsburgh Bureau

SOCIETY

Mrs. Sid Henry

Telephone 321

Never once—since the world began,
Has the sun, ever stopped shining;
His face very often we could not see,
And we grumbled at His fickleness;
But the clouds were really to blame,
Not he.
For behind them He was shining,
And so—behind life's darkest clouds
God's love is always shining;
We veil it at times with our faith-
less fears,
And darken our sight with our fool-
ish tears,
But in time the atmosphere always
clears,
For his love is always shining.
—Selected.



Mr. and Mrs. Loto H. Becker and little son Vernon Lee, of St. Louis, are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McNeill have as week-end guests, Miss Mamie Beck and Ralph W. Beck of Dallas, Texas, and R. G. Carter of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stephenson are spending the week-end visiting with relatives in Malvern.

Mrs. R. L. Gosnell was hostess on yesterday afternoon at her home on East second street at the first of a series of parties she has planned for the Spring. Beautiful sprays of Japanese attractively arranged decorated the rooms, which were arranged for four tables, with Mr. R. T. White scoring high in Contract bridge. Following the game the hostess served a most tempting salad plate with hot tea, the confections and desert harmonizing with the color note of the decorations.

Miss Helen Baker of Pine Bluff is the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Osborne of St. Louis, Mo., spent yesterday and last night in the city, guests at the Hotel Barlow.

Prescription Druggists

WARD & SON
"We've Got It"
The Leading Druggists
Phone 62

SAENGER

Today Only
KEN MAYNARD
IN
"SONG OF THE CABALLERO"
Mickey Mouse
Spell of Circus
With ALBERTA VAUGHN

Midnight Preview

11:15 p. m.—Saturday (Tonight)
February 21st

The LIFE of THE PARTY
WITH
WINNIE LIGHTNER

She Wrote the First and Last Chapters in the Book of Whoops! Just a Wild Baby, Who Made Old Men Act Childish!

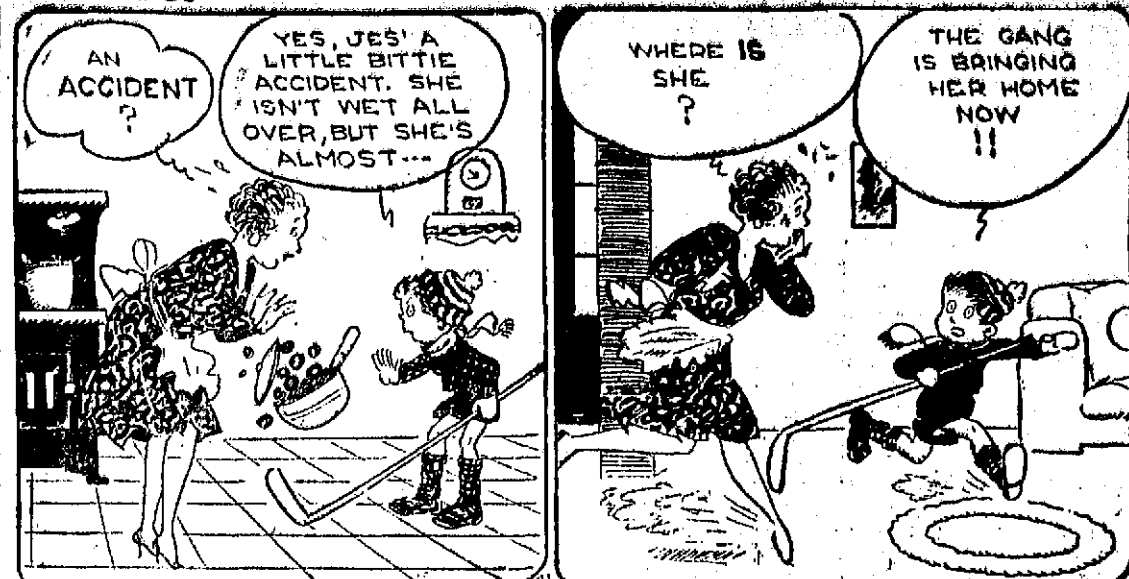
Faster and Funnier Than "Gold Diggers of Broadway"!

There are four other reasons besides Winnie, why you should see this picture. Alluring Irene Delroy, handsome Jack Whiting—and those two funny funsters, Charles Butterworth and Charles Judels!

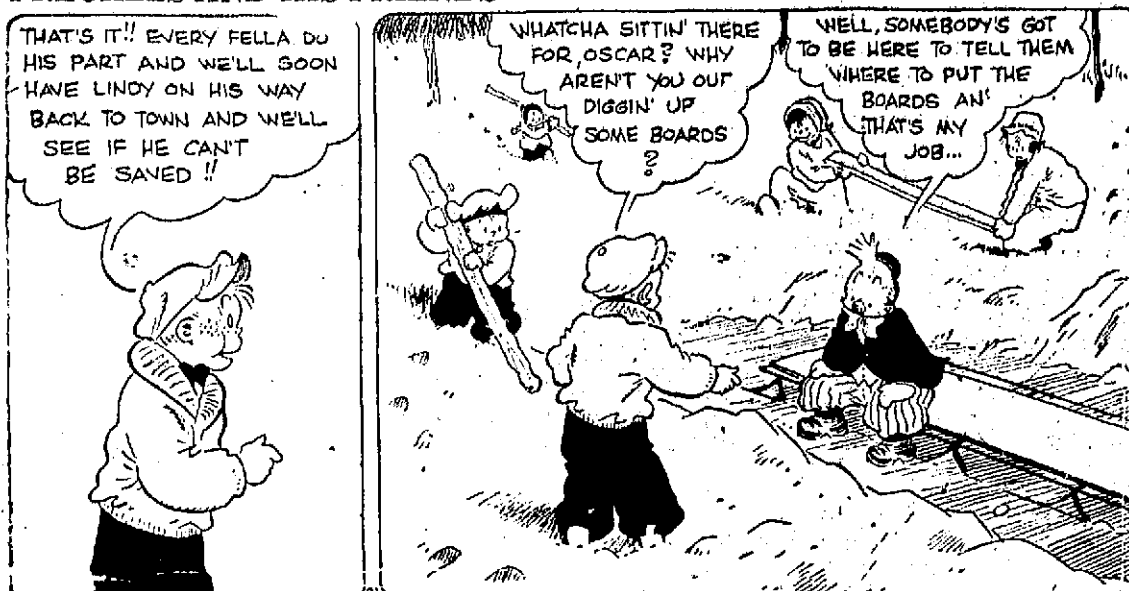
BE A DEVIL, STAY OUT LATE!

SAENGER
ALSO SUNDAY AND MONDAY

MOM'N POP



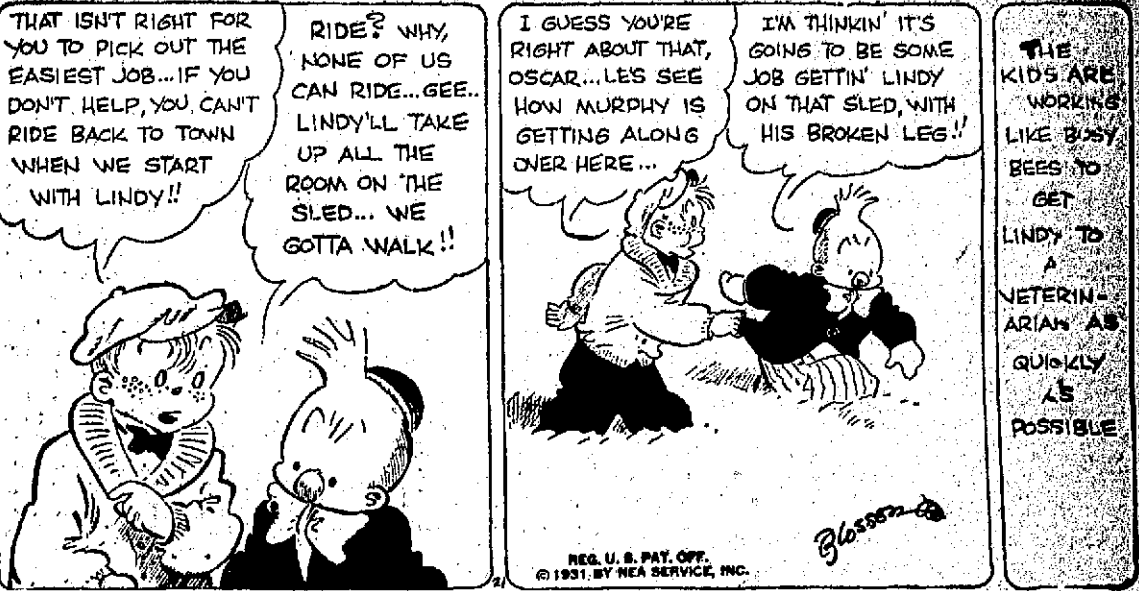
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



What Price Glory?



Busy Bees!



the founding of the W. C. T. U., which was the outgrowth of the Crusade movement which set in motion the waves of public opinion against intemperance which gained rapid momentum until large numbers of consecrated workers under the leadership of Frances E. Willard and her co-workers made their power felt throughout the country.

"Hatchets played a conspicuous part in the Crusade story," said Mrs. Stuart. "In the popular mind today, Carrie A. Nation of Kansas alone shares with George Washington in the pietistic hatchet story. Today the hatchet is being vigorously used by the Christian women of this nation to annihilate the nullifiers of the 18th Amendment, an Amendment which the Crusaders and their hatchets helped to place in the Constitution of the United States." This Crusade is still being carried on and will never lose force.

Mrs. R. L. Broach gave an inspiring devotional, basing her remarks on Proverbs 31:31. Mesdames K. G. Mc-

Rae and Luther Higginson gave talks on "The Fund That Fascinates" and "The Frances E. Willard Memorial," and Mrs. Bert Keith brought a message from the State S. T. I. Director. Helpful messages on work being done in surrounding communities were read by several members.

During the business session, presided over by Mrs. Stuart, reports of various committees were received and it was announced that a Silver Medal contest would be conducted in the city during April, by Miss Martha Virginia Stuart, local expression teacher.

A membership campaign is now in progress and much optimism was noted at this meeting, which was splendidly attended by both members and visitors.

The next meeting will be held at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of March 19th at the city hall.

Miss Louise Wildbur, Miss Faye Wildbur, Miss Eunice Hyslop and Miss Verna McGough of Stamps, were shopping in this city Friday afternoon.

Bishop Cannon's Son sentenced



While official investigations involved Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Methodist leader, in the east, his son, Major Richard Cannon, above, was sentenced to 90 days in jail at Pasadena, California, after being convicted of violating the state labor law. Six employees of a military academy with which Major Cannon was connected accused him of failing to pay their wages. The case is to be appealed.

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Mrs. H. W. Fore of Shover Springs, who has been visiting in Marshall, Texas for the past few months, has returned to her home here.

M. M. Smyth, local vice president of the Ritchie Grocery Company, made a business trip to El Dorado Friday in the interests of his firm.

Tommy McRae, Ural Cloud, Archie Johnson and Jess Hays, of Prescott, attended the Elk's Dance in Hope Friday night.

At the Churches

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
W. R. Anderson, D. D., Minister

9:45 a. m. Our Sunday School meets in departments for the study of the lesson. We have a place for you in our school. We invite you to attend.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship and sermon. Subject, "Saving Belief."

7:30 p. m. Evening worship and sermon. Subject, "Pulling Them Out of the Fire." Special music.

6:45 p. m. Young People's Society. Study class lecture on Missions by Mrs. K. G. McRae. All young people are invited.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting. We especially invite strangers and visitors to worship with us in these services.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
J. L. Cannon, D. D., Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. League meets at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "The Data of the Christian Religion." His theme at the evening hour will be, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
John G. Reese, Minister

Bible study Lord's day morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The morning sermon will be, "The Day of Small Things." Evening sermon, "Resisting the Great Salvation."

